

**Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional
Local Human Rights Committee**
August 18, 2011 – 5:30 PM
United Way Building – 308 Craighead Street, Danville, VA

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NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.

LHRC Members in Attendance: Lesa Shelton, Esther Goins, Jeanne White, Kelly Matthews

LHRC Members Not in Attendance: Jeff Rodden, Greg Casker, Beverly Scruggs

Other Representatives in Attendance: Roanna Deal, SVMHI Patient Advocate Senior

Affiliates Not In Attendance: Children and Family Community Dev.; The Fletcher Center; The Joshua Home; Life Support Services

Minutes Recorder: Jerri Phillips, SVMHI

Regional LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule: The Regional Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ www.svmhi.dbhds.virginia.gov under the heading of Client Advocacy.

Welcome/Call to Order: In the absence of Chairman Greg Casker, Kelly Matthews called to order the meeting of the Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee at 5:40 PM. An announcement was made that committee members should not use the upper parking lot (across from Captain Copy) as vehicles will be towed.

Approval of Minutes: The following corrections were made to the June 16, 2011 minutes:

- Negril should read "36 consumers; not 36 employees"
- M. T. Sorrell should read "10 residents, nine of which work at the Hatcher Center."

Affiliation Request:

- Diverse Family Services: Representatives gave a brief overview of the mental health support services the agency provides. Services are located in Ringgold and they serve ages 18 and older. They are currently waiting for their policies to be reviewed/approved. The committee approved the affiliation request.
- Oasis Support Services: The agency is located on Main Street in Danville and currently provides mental health support services with a desire to work with veterans in the future. Ages 18 and over are served and the committee approved the affiliation.

Program Expansion: New Hope Support Services has expanded to the South Boston/Halifax area. The committee approved this request.

Advocate's Report:

- Monthly reports are no longer required – quarterly reports only. The first quarterly report due is October 5 which will cover July, August and September
- An annual report will be due on January 5th. Agencies may be unfamiliar with some of the questions, please email Roanna if you need clarification.
- Cooperative Agreements – make sure you have signed your Cooperative Agreements. New affiliates will meet with Roanna after the meeting to do so.

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- Cell Phone – Roanna now has a cell phone and voice mail. This number was distributed to be posted for both client and operator use.
- FOIA – The LHRC meetings are open to the public except for closed session (client discussion, investigations, etc). The Attorney General states that if the committee dwindles to a few members and conversations are held by phone – minutes must be kept and made public. Fact finding meetings may be open to the public also, depending on the client's wishes.
- Regional Advocate – Kevin Puzlaski begins August 24 and will be introduced to the affiliates.
- Reminder – All water heaters must be set no higher than 120 °.
- Reminder – Site reviews and investigations will be randomly conducted by Roanna.
- Training – Any training needs should be requested. Peer to Peer training will be offered at the next meeting.

Affiliated Program Reports:

- Alliant – No complaints reported
- New Inspiration – No allegations/no abuse/no neglect
- All Care Family Services – No allegations
- Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board
 - Mental Health – 1 complaint
 - Intellectual Disability – 1 non-founded complaint of abuse and neglect. The individual had 6 prior fabrications – staff was cleared).
 - Crisis Stabilization – No report
- Danville Regional Medical Center – In June there was one human rights complaint of inappropriate contact. It was founded and staff was terminated. There was one seclusion in July.
- Doss Estates – No allegations
- Family Preservation Services – June: 1 restraint lasted 2 minutes; 1 peer to peer
In July there was 1 restraint and 3 peer-to-peer incidents. All were reported and the standard hold was used.
- Hughes Center for Exceptional Children – June had 24 peer-to-peer reports and 35 restraints; July had 22 peer-to-peer reports and 35 restraints. No injuries occurred. In June there were no allegations and one unfounded allegation in July. There was a dignity complaint in June which required mediation.
- Kingdom Dominion – No abuse allegations
- M. T. Sorrell Home – June and July there were no peer-to-peer incidents and no allegations
- Negril –
 - Residential: No complaints of abuse or neglect – currently serving 40 residents
 - Day Treatment: No complaints
 - Day Support: Serving 37 individuals – No allegations
- New Hope Support Services – No allegations of abuse/neglect
- Stanfield Group Home – No residents
- Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute – No complaints in June and July; 15 seclusions in June; 6 seclusions in July. Construction has been completed.
- Support Services of Virginia – Lost 1 private home; now has 2 Day Support Centers serving 20 residents. Two drug overdoses were reported this past weekend. One resident went to the ER and 1 used poison control advice – both clients are doing well. A new employee gave too much medication – the team leader was suspended as a result. The new employee is still working part-time with added supervision and has completed medical assistance training program.
- Therapeutic Interventions – Awaiting approval from site review
- Virginia Health Partners – Not currently providing services – waiting for site review

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Other Business: Implementation of SHRC mandate

Election of Committee Secretary – the committee voted to table this decision until all members of the committee is present.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Next Meeting: October 20th at 5:30 PM, United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County